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A LIMITED LIABILITY LAW PARTNERSHIP

December 23, 2009

The Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Hawaii Public Utilities Commission
465 South King Street
Kekuanaoa Building, Room 103
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Attention: Mr. Michael Azama

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PUBLIC UTILITIES
COMMISSION

Re: Docket No. 2009-0048 – Molokai Public Utilities

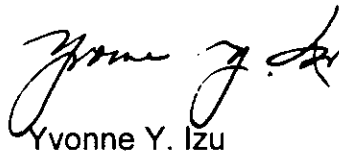
Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

Pursuant to a telephone conversation between Mr. Jon Itomura and Michael Lau, we are submitting supplemental and updated data in response to CA-IR-49a, relating to regulatory expenses incurred to date and anticipated to be incurred through the remainder of this rate case.

When MPU filed its amended application we did not anticipate the number of parties that are currently in this case. Additionally, we are finding that this case involves an unusually high number of information requests and procedural issues for a utility of this size. For these reasons, we have had to adjust and re-adjust our regulatory expense actuals and estimates.

We appreciate your patience and understanding in this matter.

Very truly yours,



Yvonne Y. Izu

Enclosure

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Molokai Public Utilities, Inc.
Regulatory Expense
Test Year Ending June 30, 2010

		[1]	[2]	[3]
Line #	Description	Ref:	Amount	Total
<u>PREPARATION AND FILING - Actual</u>				
1	Regulatory		\$43,879	
2	Legal		43,908	
3	Travel			
4	Other Non-Labor			
5	Sub-Total			\$ 87,787
<u>DISCOVERY - REVISED</u>				
<u>Actual to November 30, 2009</u>				
6	Regulatory		32,812	
7	Legal		99,360	
8	Travel			
9	Other Non-Labor			
10	Sub-Total			132,172
<u>Estimated For December 2009</u>				
11	Regulatory		15,600	
12	Legal		10,000	
13	Travel			
14	Other Non-Labor			
15	Sub-Total			25,600
<u>REBUTTAL</u>				
<u>Estimated From January to February</u>				
16	Regulatory		19,500	
17	Legal		20,000	
18	Travel			
19	Other Non-Labor			
20	Sub-Total			39,500
<u>HEARING, BRIEFING AND INTERIM RATES</u>				
<u>Estimated to Completion</u>				
21	Regulatory		18,200	
22	Legal		40,000	
23	Travel		3,000	
24	Other Non-Labor		5,500	
25	Sub-Total			66,700
26	TOTAL RATE CASE EXPENSE			\$351,759

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REGULATORY CHARGES

Line #	Description	[1] Ref:	[2] Amount	[3] Sub Total	[4] Total
<u>PREPARATION AND FILING - Actual</u>					
1	2008 -- March & April		\$8,724		
2	-- October		4,427		
3	-- November		521		
4	-- December		5,208		
5	2009 -- January		11,197		
6	-- February		9,375		
7	-- June		4,427		
8	Total Preparation & Filing				\$ 43,879
<u>DISCOVERY - REVISED</u>					
<u>Actual to November 30, 2009</u>					
9	2009 -- September		10,417		
10	-- October		7,812		
11	-- November		14,583		
12	Sub-Total			32,812	
<u>Estimated For December 2009</u>					
13	2009 -- December		15,600		
14	Sub-Total			15,600	
15	Total Discovery				48,412
<u>REBUTTAL</u>					
<u>Estimated From January to February</u>					
16	2010 -- January		13,000		
17	-- February		6,500		
18	Total Rebuttal				19,500
<u>HEARING, BRIEFING AND RATES</u>					
<u>Estimated to Completion</u>					
19	2010 -- March		7,800		
20	-- April		5,200		
21	-- May		-		
22	-- June		5,200		
23	Sub-Total			18,200	
24	Travel, Hotel and Expenses		3,000		
25	Other		500		
26	Sub-Total			3,500	
27	Total Hearing, Briefing & Rates				21,700
					<u>\$ 133,491</u>

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LEGAL CHARGES

Line #	Description	[1] Ref:	[2] Amount	[3] Sub Total	[4] Total
<u>PREPARATION AND FILING - Actual</u>					
1	2008 -- March & April				
2	-- October				
3	-- November				
4	-- December				
5	2009 -- January				
6	-- February				
7	-- June		43,908		
8	Total Preparation & Filing				\$ 43,908
<u>INTERVENTION/DISCOVERY - REVISED</u>					
<u>Actual to November 30, 2009</u>					
9	2009 -- September and October		48,702		
10	-- November		50,658		
11	Sub-Total			99,360	
<u>Estimated From November 1 to December</u>					
12					
13	2009 -- December		10,000		
14	Sub-Total			10,000	
15	Total Discovery				109,360
<u>REBUTTAL</u>					
<u>Estimated From January to February</u>					
16	2010 -- January				
17	-- February		20,000		
18	Total Rebuttal				20,000
<u>HEARING, BRIEFING AND INTERIM RATES</u>					
<u>Estimated to Completion</u>					
19	2010 -- March				
20	-- April				
21	-- May				
22	-- June		40,000		
23	Sub-Total			40,000	
24	Travel, Hotel and Expenses				
25	Other		5,000		
26	Sub-Total			5,000	
27	Total Hearing, Briefing & Rates				45,000
					<u>\$ 218,268</u>